

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. GNR-T-03-6</b>
<b>OF ALTICOMM, INC. FOR A</b>	)	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL</b>	)	
<b>EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF MODIFIED</b>
<b>SERVICES.</b>	)	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 29338</b>

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 22, 2003, Alticomm, Inc. ("Alticomm" or "Company") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold basic local exchange service in Idaho within geographic areas served by Qwest and Verizon. Located in Canton, Massachusetts, Alticomm has been operating in Massachusetts and Rhode Island since 1998 and is registered with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission as an interexchange carrier.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Alticomm intends to offer resold local exchange services and will not own or control any equipment, facilities, or property in Idaho. The Company's Application states that it has initiated resale agreement negotiations with Qwest and Verizon. Alticomm anticipates that it can begin providing service to Idaho residential and business customers within 90 days of certification.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Alticomm states that because it does not request advance deposits from its customers, it does not require an escrow account or security bond for this purpose. The Company does not intend to provide any prepaid local exchange telephone service in Idaho.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that according to the Application, Alticomm's provision of basic local exchange services on a resold basis would promote the public interest by increasing competition in the local exchange telephone market, which results in high quality service being offered at competitive prices and creates greater economic incentives for the development and improvement for all competing providers. Further, the Company stated that

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approval of its Application would provide significant benefits to consumers in terms of carrier choice, price, increased reliability, responsiveness, and the introduction of new services.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application states that the Company has reviewed the Commission rules and agrees to comply with all rules applicable to the provision of resold local exchange service.

#### **NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this

document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application together with supporting workpapers and exhibits, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices.


YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and that the Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

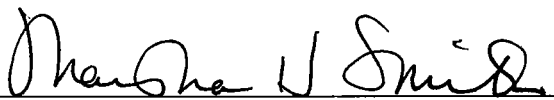
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Alticomm, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 2003.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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